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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON THE FAHMY VISIT

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL (MIDDLE EAST)

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1. THE ITALIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR (OCTOBER 22) GAVE EMBOFF
A RUNDOWN ON HIS AMBASSADOR'S RECENT DISCUSSION OF THE FAHMY
VISIT WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ISMAIL.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN ACCOUNT, ISMAIL SIAD THE
EGYPTIANS WERE HAPPY WITH THE OUTCOME OF FAHMY'S VISIT,
PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF EGYPT'S INVITATION
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TO HOLD A BREZHNEV-SADAT SUMMIT IN CAIRO. ISMAIL EXPRESSED

THE VIEW THAT THE SUMMIT "SHOULD BRING ABOUT A GREATER EQUILIBRIUM IN EGYPT'S RELATIONSHIP TOWARD THE TWO SUPER POWERS." THE EGYPTIAN CAST THIS AS A BASIC ELEMENT OF SADAT'S FOREIGN POLICY AND VOICED THE HOPE THAT THE "EGYPTIAN RAPPROACHMENT WITH THE USSR WOULD NOT HAVE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON."

3. ISMAIL ALSO SAID THAT DURING A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ME SITUATION, THE EGYPTIAN SIDE HAD GENERALLY "INSISTED ON AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THE RABAT SUMMIT." IN THIS CONNECTION, ACCORDING TO THE ITALIANS, ISMAIL SHOWED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT ON AN INDEPENDENT PLO ROLE AT GENEVA. REFERRING TO THE PLO AS "ONE VOICE OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," ISMAIL SAID THE SUBJECT OF THE PLO ROLE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT RABAT AND THAT JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE MEPC HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ISMAIL CONCLUDED THAT EGYPT BELIEVES "ALL SHOULD ATTEND GENEVA."

4. ON GENEVA ITSELF, THE ITALIANS SAID ISMAIL POINTED OUT THAT THE TASS TEXT ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION SPOKE OF A "FINAL" SETTLEMENT AT GENVEA. (THE RUSSIAN WORD WAS "OKONCHATELNOYE".) THIS, THE EGYPTIAN SAID, MEANT THAT BILATERAL EFFORTS AT REACHING A ME SETTLEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE MEPC SHOULD PUT THE "FINAL SEAL ON A GENERAL SETTLEMENT."
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